5/24/76

Mr. Jim McKinley
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Certified-
Return Receipt

Dear Jim,

This is to put you on notice that, in accord with my earlier conversations with Larry Gonzales and correspondence with him and Leonard Rubin, I intend to do what I can about your wholesale theft of my work and your and Playboy's pretense that it is your and their work.

This is also to demand that you preserve all your notes on sources to help me establish this thievery or to permit you to prove otherwise. Your notes can be subject to dicovery,as I'm sure Rubin will tell you if you do not know. You and Playboy and Rubin and Gonzales in particular were all on notice prior to publication, so there should be no reason for these records not still existing.

I'll be writing Rubin as soon as I can. However, there is no no doubt about your and Playboy's deliberateness in this, particularly no doubt in the deliberateness of the deception designed to make it impossible for me to seek injunctive relief. I was assured that what I objected to was removed. I read the piece yesterday. This assurance was a fraudulent misrepresentation.

So also was your phone call the Saturday prior to the sending of the copy on the King piece to me. Not by you although you promised it.

You may have forgotten but Playboy and I agreed to tape our consultations and conversations. These tapes will show that one of the reasons was to keep you informed. If Playboy destroys these tapes it will make no difference. I have them.

Your researcher has not yet returned the borrowed books it will cost a fortune just to try to replace. I'll be billing them for this, as I told them earlier in my repeated requests for their return. I doubt they can all be replaced, if any can be. This represents a great loss to me.

Jim and I are tied up in suits against the government for suppressed evidence until the middle of June. We'll discuss this then.

Inaccuracies as they relate to and are attributed to Ray remain in the story despite my warnings. As I said on reading the copy, I regard this story as hurtful to him and so intended. I have not heard from him. I did tell you he was seeking counsel for civil suits. While I will take no initiative with him, if he asks help I'll be willing to provide it. I am uniquely in a position to establish you and Playboy's deliberateness in this.

Desecrating graves is not enough for you.

I sorrow for you that you are capable of such personal dishonesty for money.

Disgustedly,

Harold Weisberg